

### 6.1.1 Ecosystems, Natural Communities, and Covered Species List

The BDCP will employ a strategy that focuses on the conservation of ecosystems, natural communities, and ecological processes in the Planning Area. In addition, the BDCP will establish species-specific minimization, mitigation, conservation and management measures where appropriate.

The BDCP will focus primarily on aquatic ecosystems and natural communities. The BDCP may also cover adjacent riparian or associated **flood plains** and natural communities, as appropriate, to fully address the impacts of Covered Activities and to provide for the conservation of Covered Species. Natural Communities that are likely to be addressed by the BDCP include: riverine aquatic, lacustrine, tidal sloughs, tidal perennial aquatic, nontidal perennial aquatic, saline emergent wetland, freshwater emergent wetland, and riverine natural communities.

Deleted: upland ecosystems

Species that are intended to be the initial focus of the BDCP include federally and state listed, and candidate aquatic species such as Central Valley steelhead, Central Valley Chinook salmon (spring run and fall/late-fall runs), Sacramento River Chinook salmon (winter run), Delta smelt, green sturgeon, **white sturgeon, splittail, and longfin smelt**. Other species that will be considered for inclusion in the BDCP include Swainson's hawk, bank swallow, giant garter snake [NOTE: GGS is questionable depending on the final geographic scope], and valley elderberry longhorn beetle.

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This list identifies the species that will be evaluated for inclusion in the BDCP as proposed Covered Species and is not necessarily the BDCP's final Covered Species list. The Parties anticipate that species may be added or removed from the list once more is learned about the nature of the Covered Activities and the impact of Covered Activities on native species within the Planning Area. Issuance of State and federal take authorizations for any particular Covered Species will require an individual determination by the applicable Fishery Agency that the BDCP meets applicable State and/or federal permit issuance requirements.